<center>REMARKS</center>

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

No claims have been amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 2-3, 5, 9-11,

14-15, 18-19, 21-30 and 32-33 were previously cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 6-8,

12-13, 16-17, 20, 31 and 34-37 are now presented for examination.

<center>**35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection**</center>

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 31, 34, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35

U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Dustan., U.S. Patent No. 5,884,312 ("Dustan").

Claim 1 recites:

1. A method comprising:
receiving a request for hardware component information at a service processor
    disposed in a hardware component as an open session request from a
    requesting client application;
transmitting from the service processor a challenge string to the requesting client
    application, the challenge string including a session identification assigned
    by the service processor, wherein the session identification is unique to
    each session;
receiving at the service processor a challenge response from the requesting client
    application, the challenge response including the session identification;
comparing the challenge response to an expected response to the challenge string,
    wherein the comparing includes verifying the session identification
    received in the challenge response against the session identification
    transmitted in the challenge string; and
transmitting the hardware component information to the requesting client
    application.
(emphasis provided)

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the

reference. Although Dustan discloses *"communicating the session identification number*

and a portion of the logon input to the client and storing this information at the client . . .

communicating a menu to the client prompting the user to perform at least a first function

requiring access to a first type of disparate data source and a second function requiring

access to a second type of data source. A user may then request the first function where

the method response to *communicating the session identification number, portions of the logon input, and the first function request to the network server*, where the *network server communicates this information to the database server* . . . [and] *verifying at the database server that the session identification number and the portion of the logon input* are valid" (col. 3, lines 23-36), Dustan does not disclose or reasonably suggest all the limitations of claim 1. For example, although Dustan discloses using "the session identification number" for storing at the client, it does not disclose or reasonably suggest the session identification number being unique to each session being communicated between a client application and a service processor as recited by claim 1. Simply using a *session identification number* is not the same as having session identification that is unique to each session (e.g., the one that changes with each session).

Accoridngly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 6, 7, 17 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Dustan, in view of Kaufman U.S. Patent No. 5,666,415.

Claims 6, 7, 17 and 35 depend from one of claims 1, 13 and 31 and thus include all the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 7, 17 and 35.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
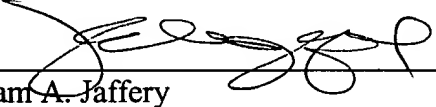
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Respectfully submitted,

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